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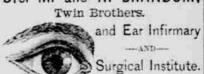
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"What do you mean by a 'paper shell' and a 'buckram?"

"Once a month in the summer the crab discards his armor. He feels he is growing too large to still wear the same coat and sets about getting a new and a larger one, after making for himself an elastic set of under-clothing, which covers him from his finger tips, so to speak, up to and over his eyeballs. Meanwhile he assumes a bilious hue, and in this state proves seductive bait for the angler in quest of weakfish on hass. It is not the in quest of weaklish or bass. It is not the flavor that renders him good for bait, but it is this same tough suit of underclothing. The soft or hard crab will not hang to a hook. When he puts on this indersuit he is known as a 'comer.' It takes about two days to grow this inner skin and then the crab becomes a 'shedder.' In another day he pulls out the bolt from the rear of his shell, and firmly gripping a piece of grass or seaweed, backs entirely out of his shell. Seemingly it is a painful process, and often while the 'shedder' is taking off his five pairs of trousers, as it were, he will be encouraged and assisted by sympathizing friends. In this state he is looked upon as an agreeable accompaniment STEDMAN & CRANE, to a slice of nicely-browned toast, if rolled in egg or cracker crumbs, and fried in seething hot butter or olive oil. If he remains twen-ty-four hours in the water after crawling from his too contracted shell his skin absorbs enough lime to give it a stiffness like that of writing paper. Then he is known as 'paper shell,' and in another day his skin becomes still more tough and he becomes a 'buckram' or a 'buckler,' "-N. Y. Mail and Express.

A Joke on the Parson

Thomas K. Beecher used to visit his hermit brother occasionally; he was much concerned over James' decision to hold himself aloof from the world, and added to the ambition to try to tempt James back to the pulpit again; Thomas K. found other pleasing labors; no-where in all the world do the fish bite better or fight more gallantly; nowhere is the hunt-ing superior in all the Catskills. It was only the Hardenberg native that the Elmira \$2500. clergyman did not dote on. Once he let the Beecher in him coze out at his pen point and cher in him ooze out at his pen a letter was printed by a New York city journal making fun of James' neighbors. Not long after he visited the Beecher lake hermitage. By some mischance a copy of that New York paper, Thomas K.'s letter and all, got into the neighborhood; the na-tives reveled in it, and Thomas K. became thenceforth a marked man. It was his intention to stay but one day and night on this last visit, and he had ventured up into the backwoods without baggage. The clothes he wore were all he brought. It was summer, and when the Rev. Thomas K. retired for the night he tossed his clothes across the window sill. The natives had learned of his visit. When he woke up next morning he was minus coat, trousers and vest. There was but one thing to do—to borrow aftire from his brother. It wasn't a fashionable suit that he was obliged to don. The cut wasn't modern and the fit was woefully startling. Three different kinds of cloth, three different colors of cloth, were in their make-up, and each article of the suit was considerably the worse for wear, while the trousers were reliant in big broad patches fore and aft. - "Halston" in

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